**Personal Narrative Prompts**

**Your personal narrative is a powerful first impression. We suggest the follow prompts and guidelines to assist you in preparing a positive digital presence.**

* Keep your narrative brief (no more than about 500 words)
* Write in first person and use complete sentences.
* Pack it with keywords and phases that describe you as a scholar, potential employee and create an authentic representation of who you are and who you envision yourself becoming.
* Add a high quality photo or two of you in scholarly, professional or authentic settings (avoid selfie angles!)
* Remember you are writing for a professional and scholarly audience. Proof read and polish before publishing this page.

**Prompts- Choose from some of the prompts below, or think of your own. The most compelling reflections you can make on your aspirations will speak to the following deeply introspective prompts:**

***Why will I create?***

***How will I create?***

***What will I create?***

**You can also draw from these generic prompts:**

**About You**

What are you passionate about?

What subjects do you most often read about online or in newspapers?

What topics are deeply important to you?

What values to you hold to be true?

What qualities in people or life do you find inspiring?

What charities would you consider donating to? Why?

**Your Skills**

List three things you are best at.

When do you feel you are doing your best work. Why?

In which environments do you feel you truly thrive?

What role do you fill in a group setting? (eg leader, supporter, facilitator, translator, idea-maker, logistical planner)

When you receive an academic or work related complement, what is it typically about?

**Vision and Purpose**

What personality traits will benefit you in your field?

What are some academic accomplishmentsyou would like to achieve?

What are a few career oriented accomplishments you would like to achieve?

What are your personal development goals?

How do the goals in these three areas connect?

How do these goals reflect who you are?